

Remarks

Claims 1-7, 9-27 and 29-44 are pending.

Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 44 are allowed.

Claims 12-27 and 29-43 stand rejected.

Claims 12-25 are cancelled.

Claim 26 is amended.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 26-44 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 12-14, 20-21 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bieker (DE 3530598). On page 23, paragraph 7 the Examiner has allowed the subject matter of claim 1.

In order to expedite prosecution of this application , Applicant has cancelled claims 12-25. Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter from claim 1 into claim 26. As such, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-7, 9-11, 26-44 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited.

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